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FOLLOWING REPEAT ISLAMABAD 5204 ACTION SECSTATE INFO PARIS
DATED MAY 26:

QTE:C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 5204

PARIS FOR OECD/DAC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, EAID, PK

SUBJECT: NARCOTICS AT THE AID TO PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM MEETING

REF: ISLAMABAD 4705

1. AS THE PARENT OF THE IDEA OF RAISING NARCOTICS CONTROL
AT THE CONSORTIUM MEETING, WE ARE DISTURBED BY THE MONSTER
OUR CHILD HAS BECOME. ASSISTANT ADMINSTRATOR SULLIVAN
TELLS US THAT THE STATEMENT HE IS TO READ INCLUDES NARCOTICS
CONTROL ALONG WITH NUCLEAR REPROCESSING AS A SERIOUS POLICY
ISSUE STANDING IN THE WAY OF RESUMING AID. THIS WAS NOT
WHAT WE HAD IN MIND AT ALL. OUR IDEA WAS NOT TO USE THE
CONSORTIUM AS A CLUB BUT RATHER AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
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SENSITIZE OTHER DONORS, AS WELL AS THE GOP. AS REFTTEL
SHOULD MAKE CLEAR, WE THINK THE STATEMENT SHOULD BE ALONG
THE FOLLOWING LINES:

" NARCOTICS ABUSE IS AN INCREASING PROBLEM IN CONSORTIUM
COUNTRIES AND PAKISTAN SEEMS TO BE AN EVER MORE IMPORTANT
SUPPLIER OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS. WHILE EFFECTIVE CONTROL
IS A MATTER FIRST OF ALL OF STRINGENT LAW, EFFECTIVELY

ENFORCED, DEALING WITH THE CULTIVATION OF AND TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS, EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT REQUIRES VIABLE ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES FOR THOSE WHO NOW GROW POPPIES. THIS INVOLVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HECE SHOULD BE A MATTER OF INTEREST TO A CONSORTIUM OF COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF PAKISTAN."

2. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE U.S. STATEMENT BE REDRAFTED ALONG THESE LINES. WE HAVE DISCUSSED IT WITH SULLIVAN AND HE SUPPORTS THE REDRAFT AS GREATLY PREFERABLE TO THE CURRENT FORMULATION.

3. WE ARE ALSO DISTURBED BY THE REPORTS COMING OUT F CONSORTIUM CAPITALS THAT THE U.S. IS SUGGESTING THAT OTHER COUNTRIES LINK CONTINUATION OF THEIR ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN TO EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS CONTROL. THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE CALLED IN EVIDENT ANNOYANCE OVER THIS APPROACH, WHICH CONSIDERS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, AS DO WE.
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